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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Victor M. Mendez
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Mendez:

It is my understanding that the Ohio River Trail Council has submitted an application to the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP). The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

I am informed that the Ohio River Trail Council is a nonprofit corporation in southwestern Pennsylvania dedicated to promoting and protecting a continuous corridor of natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River. I have been advised that the Council is currently planning and developing a forty-one (41) mile multi-use land and water trail system along the Ohio River and is receiving technical support from the National Park Service. I am further advised that the Council would utilize TCSP funding for the design and engineering of its first phase of implementation of the South Shore Trail that will connect communities along the existing Montour Trail in Allegheny County. As it appears, the project will provide trail access and improved recreational activity and mobility to the residents of communities in both Allegheny and Beaver Counties along the Ohio River.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact my staff at (412) 803-7370.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator